

ATTACHMENT

- 2.2.A. JULY 26, 1996 MEMORANDUM FROM GARY MCVOY
REGARDING REVISED NEPA CHECKLIST FOR (1)
AUTOMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS, (2)
PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS AND
(3) CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS WITH
DOCUMENTATION**



MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

DATE: July 26, 1996

TO: Regional Landscape/Environmental Manager, Regions 4, 5, 8, 11
Regional Environmental Contact, Regions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10

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SUBJECT: REVISED NEPA CHECKLIST FOR (1) AUTOMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS, (2) PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS AND (3) CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS WITH DOCUMENTATION

Attached for your information and use are the following:

- * Revised Instructions for NEPA Checklist and the revised NEPA Checklist.
- * FHWA, New York Division, Programmatic Categorical Exclusion signed July 15, 1996.
- * FHWA's July 16, 1996 memo approving the process and the related Checklist.
- * FHWA's July 22, 1996 memo and a list of element-specific projects which FHWA, New York Division, has approved as categorically excluded actions (EB 96-034 Element-Specific Work with Federal-aid).

All of the above will be included in revised Chapter 2.2 in the upcoming update of the Environmental Procedures Manual. We are distributing the material at this time so that you may begin to use the revised NEPA Checklist immediately.

The intention of the revisions to the Checklist and Programmatic Criteria has been to improve the process and to allow more projects to be classified as Automatic and Programmatic Categorical Exclusions (please note that the procedure for submitting Automatic and Programmatic Categorical Exclusions has been revised as well).

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If you have any questions, please call Mary Ivey or Tom Benware (518-457-5672) in the Environmental Analysis Bureau or Carol Hennessey (518-457-7278) or Jim Dunham (518-485-7321) in the Design Quality Assurance Bureau.

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